

**RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND
OPPORTUNITY ACT OF JULY 1, 2015 WITHIN THE DURHAM WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND EXTENDING SPECIFIC AUTHORITY TO ENTER
INTO AN INTERLOCAL CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT**

The purpose of the Durham Workforce Development Board is to facilitate, plan, and coordinate workforce development resources in the City of Durham and in Durham County in order to maximize the efforts of government, businesses, and education. The Board shall promote a responsive workforce development system; provide guidance and exercise independent oversight regarding activities under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) effective July 1, 2015, to effectively help jobseekers and workers access employment, education, training, and support services; and match employers with skilled workers to compete in the global economy.

WHEREAS, it is important to the local economy to forge partnerships between businesses and the workforce system with an emphasis on current and emerging fields; and

WHEREAS, it is equally important to reimagine and strengthen the brand of NCWorks Career Centers through effective use of media and outreach strategies; and

WHEREAS, reconfiguring and/or expanding the scope of work for the workforce board to be the single coordinating entity for workforce development for adult jobseekers and to collaborate with Made In Durham (MID) and the Youth Opportunity Initiative (YOI) to coordinate workforce development for youth is imperative, and

WHEREAS, positioning the Durham workforce system as the best source for businesses to find top talent must be ongoing; and

WHEREAS, strengthening the effectiveness and efficiency of youth-based programs within the community is vital to career pathways called for in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all of these functions be executed across the Durham Workforce Development Area under the auspices of an Interlocal Consortium Agreement between the City of Durham and Durham County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF DURHAM AND DURHAM COUNTY ACKNOWLEDGE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT AND EXTEND AUTHORITY TO THE DURHAM WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING:

1. Set the direction of the NCWorks Career Centers in connecting talent to jobs to improve the County's economic competitiveness;
2. Support the creation of jobs with family-sustaining wages and ensure that City and County residents can effectively compete for those jobs; and
3. Build upon the capacity of the NCWorks system in connecting talent to jobs to enable the workforce system to be responsive to the needs of businesses.